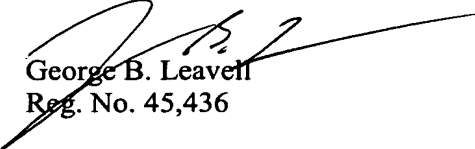


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If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present response, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 749-6900, ext. 6923. Applicant believes no fees are due in connection with this filing, but in the event it is determined that any fees are due, then please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805. (Order No. LAM2P460).

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